

proportion to Texas, Mexican-Americans everywhere, and to the United States. In dangerous and difficult times, he and other Mexican American lawyers worked tirelessly to defend our communities' interests. We are all in his debt."

Judge deAnda is indeed an inspiration to the Hispanic and non-Hispanic community, and a positive example to the many who will continue to stand on his shoulders for generations to come.

#### HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 85 ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 12, 2006*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 85 in Moweaqua, Illinois on 50 years of service and success. On Saturday, August 12, 2006, the troop celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Over the past 50 years Boy Scout Troop 85 has produced 69 Eagle Scouts. Among former members are the two doctors in Moweaqua, a career military officer, preacher, lawyer, dentist and many other outstanding members of the workforce.

The scouts of Troop 85 work hard each year and participate in many hours of community service. They annually conduct a food drive for the Moweaqua Food Pantry and assist the Rotary Club in recycling efforts.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Boy Scout Troop 85 on 50 years of success. I wish them all the best in the years to come.

#### RECOGNITION OF OSAGE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 12, 2006*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a distinguished citizen and constituent. More specifically, it is my pleasure to announce the nomination of Ms. Claire Schoenborn, of Osage, Iowa, by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 for Member of the Year.

Ms. Schoenborn is a vital member of the community in Osage, Iowa. The widow of a World War II veteran, she has repeatedly demonstrated her dedication to volunteerism and community service. Ms. Schoenborn is able to spread joy and brighten lives in many ways.

As a cancer survivor, Ms. Schoenborn is actively involved in the Mitchell County Relay for Life and the Home Trust Helping Hands Team fundraising efforts. She is also a member of the Association for Retarded Citizens, and until recently, an important volunteer in the Bridges Mentoring Program. Perhaps the most valuable part of Ms. Schoenborn's community service services is her dedication to visiting the elderly, the ill and the shut-ins.

And so today I rise to recognize Ms. Claire Schoenborn for her commitment to the betterment of the community and I congratulate Ms.

Schoenborn on her nomination for Member of the Year by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278. May Ms. Schoenborn continue to serve her community for many years."

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO PIERRE AND PAM OMDIYAR

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 12, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pierre and Pam Omidyar for their innovative philanthropic work.

Pierre Omidyar graduated from Tufts University in 1988, with a degree in Computer Science. After graduating college, Pierre began working as a software engineer for Claris, a subsidiary of the Apple Computer Company. He co-founded Ink Development Corp. which was later acquired by Microsoft. Shortly thereafter, at just 28 years old, Pierre created the website that would become eBay.

Pam Omidyar graduated from Tufts University in 1988, with a degree in Biology. She earned a Masters in Molecular Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz and much of her early career was spent in laboratory research. Throughout her life, Pam has been devoted to bettering the world around her. She has committed herself to several causes, but is most passionate about helping alleviate chronic illness in children. She is the founder of HopeLab, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting scientific research that will help improve the quality of life for those who suffer from chronic illnesses.

The intense financial success with eBay prompted Pierre and his wife Pam to find ways to give back to society. After moving to Henderson, Nevada, Pierre and Pam Omidyar converted their family foundation to the Omidyar Network. The Omidyar Network takes a very novel approach to charitable giving. Unlike most organizations of its kind, the Omidyar Network is founded on the principles of microfinance and has the ability to fund nonprofit, for-profit and public policy efforts. The mission of the Omidyar Network is to "enable individual self-empowerment on a global scale," and "to employ business as a tool for social good." As a result of this outstanding network, countless people and organizations have received the tools necessary to cultivate economic growth, self-sufficiency and community enrichment.

Pierre and Pam Omidyar remain actively involved with their alma mater, Tufts University, as well as several other organizations that strive to benefit society. To further accomplish the goals of the Omidyar Network, the Omidyar's recently donated 100 million dollars to Tufts University to launch the Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Pierre and Pam Omidyar for their compassion and sincere desire to improve the world around them. Their innovative approach has made a difference in many lives and I wish them well in their continued endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE POWER OF THE BILLBOARD

#### HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 12, 2006*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, at times, invention is born from tragic circumstances, and, as the saying goes, out of necessity.

In the summer of 2002, a Kansas man named Roger Kemp experienced a brutally searing loss. His daughter Ali, 19, was attacked and killed at her place of work. She had just finished her freshman year at Kansas State University—with a bright future—and was working at the neighborhood pool in Leawood, Kansas. Her father, Roger, found her body in the pump room at the pool.

Determined to find the person who killed his daughter, Mr. Kemp came up with an idea while driving to work: display "wanted" information on a billboard.

When Roger Kemp described his idea to Lamar Advertising Company, the company declined to take his money, but agreed to help by donating billboard space. "Wanted" billboards featured a composite sketch of a suspect, along with a phone number for anonymous tips to police. It took nearly 2 years, but a tip in response to the billboards helped police apprehend the man (in 2004) accused of killing Ali Kemp.

With encouragement from Roger Kemp, police in the Kansas City area began using billboards to resolve other murder cases. To date, at least 8 murder suspects have been apprehended from tips prompted by "wanted" billboards, donated as a public service.

The success of billboards in Kansas City drew the attention of John Walsh and his TV program, "America's Most Wanted." Since May of 2005, John Walsh has been using donated billboards to help police find fugitives, in conjunction with his TV show, Internet site, and radio program. John Walsh, who knows a great deal about capturing fugitives, says billboards are effective as a crime-fighting tool because they are ever-present and generate quality anonymous tips.

Meanwhile, the concept that Roger Kemp pioneered in Kansas City is spreading across America, to communities large and small.

After a jail break in Yakima County, WA, on November 25, 2005, several inmates were caught quickly. Two who remained on the run were shown on a billboard and were in custody the next month.

In Tennessee, an accused child molester fled in February of this year after cutting off the electronic monitoring device on his ankle. For the first time, Nashville Metro Police used billboards to help find a fugitive; the suspect was arrested on July 19. Two of the five "wanted" billboards in Nashville were innovative digital billboards, featuring a static computer-generated image.

In July, an outdoor advertising company donated billboards in the Phoenix area as part of the effort to help police stop serial crimes; authorities arrested a suspect in the "Baseline Killer" case very recently.

In a sense, "wanted" posters are part of American history, from the days of Jesse James to the "wanted" pictures I saw at the Post Office growing up in Chisholm, MN. The success story of "wanted" billboards serves to